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RESOLUTION NO. 14-07

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A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE SPECIAL  
OLYMPICS SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE TO  
SELECT THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, FOR  
THE 2011 SUMMER GAMES

WHEREAS, the Special Olympics is an international, nonprofit group that holds athletic competitions and physical fitness activities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the organizations holds competitions at the local, state, national and international levels with Summer and Winter World Games held every four years; and

WHEREAS, athletes take part in both competitive and noncompetitive events including aquatics, badminton, basketball, bocce, bowling, cycling, equestrian, soccer, golf, Judo, powerlifting, gymnastics, roller-skating, sailing, table tennis, team handball, tennis, and volleyball; and

WHEREAS, more than 2.2 million people in 150 countries participate in the Special Olympics annually; and

WHEREAS, over 4,000 people take part in Special Olympics Greater Cleveland, which serves Cuyahoga, Lake and Geauga Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Special Olympics is currently considering Cleveland as the venue for 2011 Summer Games; and

WHEREAS, the millions of residents of Northeast Ohio are very excited and hopeful about the potential of assisting in hosting the 2011 Summer Games; and

WHEREAS, the Special Olympics Summer Games are estimated to bring over 7,000 athletes, 3,000 coaches, as well as untold thousands of family members, fans, and others to northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Ohio is known worldwide for its diversity, acceptance of all people, philanthropy, hospitality, friendliness, volunteerism and passion for all sports at all levels; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Ohioans love and care very much about their fellow man and woman; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Ohioans care deeply about the needs of people of all ability levels; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland area is home to the Cleveland Browns, the Cleveland Indians, and the Cleveland Cavaliers major league sports teams, as well as the minor league Akron Aeros and Lake County Captains baseball teams; and

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WHEREAS, Northeast Ohio is home to several major universities and colleges, including the Cuyahoga County Community College, Cleveland State University, Baldwin-Wallace College, Case Western Reserve University, John Carroll University, Kent State University, the University of Akron, and others; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Ohio is home to several premier media outlets, including ABC, CBS, PBS and NBC television affiliates, the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Sun Newspapers and many other print media outlets, as well as numerous FM and AM radio stations, among others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the residents of the City of Parma deeply encourage the Site Selection Committee for the 2011 Special Olympics Summer Games to select Cleveland, Ohio, for the events.

Section 2. That this Council and Administration will cooperate to the best of our abilities to accommodate the Special Olympics organization, the athletes, their coaches and families, should Cleveland be selected as the site for the 2011 Summer Games;

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall be in effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO